

**What is
synthesis?**

It's NOT analysis

analysis |ə'naləsis|

noun (pl. **-ses** | -sēz |)

detailed examination of the elements or structure of something, typically as a basis for discussion or interpretation : *statistical analysis* | *an analysis of popular culture*.

- the process of separating something into its constituent elements. Often contrasted with **synthesis** .

Analysis



synthesis |'sin θ əsis |

noun (pl. **-ses** | -sēz |)

combination or composition, in particular

- the combination of ideas to form a theory or system :
the synthesis of intellect and emotion in his work | the ideology represented a synthesis of certain ideas. Often contrasted with **analysis** .

Synthesis

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BLENDING TOGETHER IDEAS FROM MULTIPLE
SOURCES

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ENTER THE CONVERSATION

“You come late. When you arrive, others have long preceded you and they are engaged in a heated discussion, a discussion too heated for them to pause and tell you exactly what it is about...You listen for a while, until you decide that you have caught the tenor of the argument; then you put in your oar. Someone answers; you answer him; another comes to your defense; another aligns himself against you...The hour grows late, you must depart. And you do depart, with the discussion still vigorously in progress.”

Kenneth Burke, *The Philosophy of Literary Form*

Part 1: Language in cultural context

Shifting audiences, shifting purposes: language and communities

What perspective on language can *you* develop based on our discussions?

Your position needs to be directly supported by specific illustrating details synthesized from multiple sources of information (at least three of the sources from the unit and *your relevant personal experiences or observations*) for a thoughtful, sophisticated response to the statement.

FOR MONDAY:

- Draft an arguable position statement about language that can be supported by the texts
- Outline the subpoints (chunks) you could break this position into for development in a synthesis essay (organization should NOT be based on text)
- Take notes of *specific* quotes or moments within the texts that could support discussion of these subpoints
- Prepare to conference with me about your plan for writing the draft

FOR WEDNESDAY:

- Submit a draft of your synthesis essay